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Tuesday, 16 September 2003

Security Council

10.30 a.m. . . . . 4826th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Liberia

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on Liberia (S/2003/875)

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Liberia

Middle East

Other matters

3 p.m. . . . . 4827th meeting (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4826th meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

3 p.m. . . . . 1st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly
2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
3. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
4. Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/58/356)

03-49500

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), to discuss his memorandum to the Council (dated 10 September 2003)

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Second regular session 2003

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Address by Mr. James Morris, Executive Director, World Food Programme
2. Medium-term strategic plan for the period 2003-2006; financial plan and related recommendation (E/ICEF/2003/AB/L.7) . . . . . [5]
3. Summaries of mid-term reviews and major evaluations of country programmes . . . [6]

Introduction by the Chief, Evaluation Office, UNICEF

Eastern and South Africa; West and Central Africa; Americas and the Caribbean; East Asia and the Pacific; South Asia; Central and Eastern Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States; Middle East and North Africa (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.22, E/ICEF/2003/P/L.23 E/ICEF/2003/P/L.24 E/ICEF/2003/P/L.25 E/ICEF/2003/P/L.26, E/ICEF/2003/P/L.27, E/ICEF/2003/P/L.28): presentations

3 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Summaries of mid-term reviews and major evaluations of country programmes *(continued)* . . . . . [6]
2. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation . . . . . [7]
   (a) Recommendations for funding from other resources without recommendations for funding from regular resources – Tajikistan, the Gulf Area office and Oman (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.15, E/ICEF/2003/P/L.16, E/ICEF/2003/P/L.17)
   (b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.18)
   (c) Recommendation for expenditures against write-off and overexpenditures due to revaluation (E/ICEF/2003/P/L.19)

[1] Subject to approval by the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 53 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 53 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (22 September 2003)

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for the debate in plenary at the one-day high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session – implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, to be held on Monday, 22 September 2003, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/308 of 22 May 2003, are kindly requested to send their inscriptions, including the name and full title of the speaker, to the List of Speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch by fax (1 (212) 963-3783) or by e-mail (dizon@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers for the debate in plenary is organized on a first-come, first-served basis, the order of precedence being as follows: (a) Heads of State and Government; (b) Vice-Presidents/Crown Princes or Princesses; (c) Deputy Prime Ministers; (d) the highest-ranking official of the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, and of Palestine, in its capacity as observer; (e) Ministers; (f) Vice-Ministers; and (g) Heads of delegations. The fourth provisional list of speakers was made available to all delegations on Monday, 15 September 2003.

Delegations are further reminded that statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed five minutes each.

[Member States are reminded that the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/184) on agenda item 48 (Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS) is now available. This report together with the report on regional consultations on expanding civil society engagement in national responses to HIV/AIDS (A/58/CRP.1) jointly constitute the background documents for the General Assembly informal interactive panel discussion.]

General Assembly
Fifty-eighth session

General debate
(23–26 September 2003, 29 September–3 October 2003)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by fax directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

General Assembly
Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 16 September 2003

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Arab Group of the Whole

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

JUSCANZ Group *(on financing for development)*

11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

World Health Organization panel discussion on "HIV/AIDS: Time to Act"

There will be a panel discussion on "HIV/AIDS: Time to Act", co-sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO), *today*, 16 September 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3, in conjunction with the launching of the African Action on AIDS' First New York Film Festival on HIV/AIDS. The panel discussion will be chaired by Dr. Libertina Amathila, Minister of Health and Social Services of Namibia. Panellists will include Dr. Kathleen Cravero, UNAIDS; Mr. Stephen Lewis, United Nations Envoy for AIDS in Africa; Dr. Tchidi Moeti, WHO HIV/AIDS Regional Adviser; Ms. Mildred Robbins Leet, Chair and Founder, Trickle-Up Program; Mr. John Demsey, President, Mac Cosmetics; and Ms. Suzanne Engo, President, Girl Behind the Camera/African Action on AIDS. H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou, Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the United Nations, will make the closing remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 16 September 2003

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Ross Mountain, Special Humanitarian Coordinator for Liberia (on the current humanitarian situation in Liberia)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 17 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/58/1, A/BUR/58/1/Corr.1 (English only), A/BUR/58/1/Add.1)

First Committee

The First Committee will convene an informal consultation on Thursday, 18 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to informally consider its proposed programme of work and timetable as contained in document A/C.1/58/CRP.1. The Committee will also hold its first organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its proposed programme of work and timetable.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold an informal meeting on its organization of work on Thursday, 18 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The Committee will also hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/58/L.1[1]. The Committee will also begin its consideration of items 107 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) and 109 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing), on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 29 September 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(on humanitarian issues)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on humanitarian issues)* on Wednesday, 17 September 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 77 *(on the draft Ministerial Declaration)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the draft Ministerial Declaration)* on Wednesday, 17 September 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Pacific Islands Forum *(Third Committee experts)*

The Pacific Islands Forum (Third Committee experts) will hold a briefing with the Chief of the UNIFEM Pacific Programme, followed by a preparatory meeting for the Third Committee, on Wednesday, 17 September 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Briefing on the Special Court on Sierra Leone (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

Members of the Group of Interested States for the Special Court on Sierra Leone and other interested delegations are invited to attend a briefing on the Special Court, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 17 September 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room B. For further information, please contact Ms. Julie Snell, Permanent Mission of Canada (tel. 1 (212) 848-1175).

Brainstorming session in preparation for the high-level plenary meetings of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS

In preparation for the high-level plenary meetings of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, there will be a brainstorming session on "Experiences, Successes, Obstacles and Solutions: An Exchange between Member States and the Private Sector", on Thursday, 18 September 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting is organized by the Global Alliance for Women's Health and the Permanent Missions of Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, the Niger and Zambia. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education", organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, on Thursday, 18 September 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Round table on "Mobilizing Resources for the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table on "Mobilizing Resources for the Millennium Development Goals", co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 18 September 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Mr. John Langmore, Director of the International Labour Organization (ILO), will make a presentation on the topic. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Asian Group

There will be a meeting of the Asian Group on Friday, 19 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity Building of Global Public Health" (item 61) (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity Building of Global Public Health" (item 61), organized by the Permanent Mission of China, on Friday, 19 September 2003, from *3 to 6 p.m.* in Conference Room 3.

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the Third Committee expert level)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the Third Committee expert level)* on the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly on Friday, 19 September 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Announcements

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-eighth session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

Programme of work

Copies of the draft proposed programmes of work of the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are available in room S-2977.

Copies of the draft proposed programmes of work of the Second Committee and the Third Committees are available in room S-2950.

Facilities for bilateral consultations

Facilities are available for bilateral consultations during this period. For further information, interested delegations may refer to NV number 03-204 or contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (tel. 1 (212) 963-2643).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 4 September 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 15 September 2003

Security Council

4824th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/880)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2003/886), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Terje Roed-Larsen, Special Coordinator

for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations (S/2003/887), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States, His Excellency Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 15 September 2003 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, His Excellency Mr. Papa Louis Fall.

The Council began its consideration of the item and the Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Roed-Larsen.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

The representatives of Cameroon, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, Bulgaria, Pakistan, Mexico, the Russian Federation, France, Chile, Germany, Angola, Spain, Guinea and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Nepal and Norway, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Sudan, Egypt, Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Bahrain.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Papa Louis Fall.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Cuba, India, Jordan, Australia, Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia, the associated countries: Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, and the EFTA countries, members of the European Economic Area, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa, Malaysia, Argentina, Indonesia, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Tunisia, Turkey, Norway and Nepal.

Mr. Roed-Larsen responded to comments made in the course of the meeting.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a further statement.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

4835th meeting (closed) ***Meeting of the Security Council with the potential troop and civilian police-contributing countries to the proposed United Nations peacekeeping operation in Liberia pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B***

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 15 September 2003, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 4825th meeting in private with the potential troop and civilian police-contributing countries to the proposed United Nations peacekeeping operation in Liberia.

"The Security Council and the potential troop and civilian police-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Liberia.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with the potential troop and civilian police-contributing countries."

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

94th plenary meeting ***Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/57/840/Add.1, A/57/840/Add.2)*** . . . . . [117]

The General Assembly took note that Djibouti and Kyrgyzstan had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in article 19 of the Charter.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: draft resolution (A/57/L.83) . . . . . [10]

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/57/L.83 (resolution 57/338).

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of African States), China (on behalf of the Asian States), Latvia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Colombia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Denmark (on behalf of Western European and other States) and Brazil.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 10.

Allocation of items and organization of work . . . . . [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (j) of agenda item 17 directly in plenary meeting and agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: note by the Secretary-General (A/57/111/Add.2) . . . . . [17 (j)]

The General Assembly appointed Mr. Thomas Repasch as member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 15 September 2003 and ending on 31 December 2004.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (j) of agenda item 17 and of agenda item 17 as a whole.

Allocation of items and organization of work . . . . . [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (i) of agenda item 66 directly in plenary meeting and agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

General and complete disarmament: convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (A/57/848) . . . . . [66 (i)]

The General Assembly took note of report of the Open-ended Working Group to consider the objectives and agenda, including the possible establishment of the preparatory committee, for the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (A/57/848).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 66 and of agenda item 66 as a whole.

Allocation of items and organization of work . . . . . [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (d) of agenda item 86 directly in the plenary meeting and agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development trough partnership . . . . . [86 (d)]

(a) Conference Room Paper (A/57/CRP.5)

(b) Draft decisions (A/57/L.80 and A/57/L.82)

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions A/57/L.80 and A/57/L.82.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 86 and of agenda item 86 as a whole.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: note by the President of the General Assembly (A/57/861) . . . . . [53]

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to include this item in the draft of the agenda of the fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 53.

Question of Cyprus . . . . . [54]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 54.

Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo: letter from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/57/860) . [55]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 55.

Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula . . . . . [56]

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 56.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations . . . . . [114]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 114.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor . . . . . [133]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-eighth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 133.

Agenda items remaining in the agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly

The President recalled that, as a result of the adoption of resolution 57/323, the following agenda items would not be included in the draft agenda of the fifty-eighth session:

Item 136 Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 137 Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 138 Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 139 Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces Headquarters

Item 140 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 141 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 144 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 145 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Item 146 Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 148 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 149 Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 150 Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of these items.

Agenda items remaining for consideration during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly

The President recalled that the following agenda items, on which action had been taken by the General Assembly at previous plenary meeting, still remained for consideration during the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly:

Item 11 Report of the Security Council

Item 12 Report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 18 Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwanda Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 19 Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Item 20 Admission of new Members to the United Nations

Item 21 Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special and economic assistance

Item 24 Culture of peace

Item 35 Question of Palestine

Item 36 The situation in the Middle East

Item 37 The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 38 The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 42 Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

Item 44 Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Item 45 Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 46 Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 76 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Item 79 Questions relating to information

Item 84 Macroeconomic policy questions

Item 87 Environment and sustainable development

Item 92 Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields

Item 100 Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 107 Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Item 109 Human rights questions

Item 113 Programme planning

Item 115 Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Item 116 Pattern of conferences

Item 117 Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 119 Joint Inspection Unit

Item 120 United Nations common system

Item 121 United Nations pension system

Item 123 Administration of justice at the United Nations

Item 124 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 125 Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 160 Measures to eliminate international terrorism

The President recalled that these items, with the exception of item 18, had been included in the provisional agenda on the fifty-eighth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of the aforementioned items.

Closure of the fifty-eighth session

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The President then declared closed the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Monday, 15 September 2003

890th meeting *Adoption of the agenda* . . . . . [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document CRC/C/131.

Mr. Bertrand G. Ramcharan, Acting High Commissioner for Human Rights, addressed the Committee.

891st meeting (closed) *Methods of work of the Committee* . . . . . [6]

The Committee considered agenda item 6.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Signature of and deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to the above Protocol

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Delegations that intend to sign or deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the Optional Protocol during the Focus 2003 Treaty Event are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail untreaty@un.org).

It is noted that the Protocol is open for signature by any State that has signed the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. It is further noted that the Protocol is subject to ratification by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention, and is also open to accession by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention.

Treaty event

Focus 2003: Treaties against transnational organized crime and terrorism

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The Treaty Event will take place from 23 to 26 September 2003 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 2 April 2003, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to transnational organized crime and terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

Other announcements

Security announcements

A briefing for delegations from the Permanent and Observer Missions regarding protocol, security and organizational arrangements for the forthcoming general debate of the General Assembly will take place on Thursday, 18 September 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Sergeant Yassin Sallam (tel. 1 (212) 963-2687 or 963-7531).

The Permanent and Observer Missions are reminded that for security reasons, the garage will be closed for parking at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 21 September 2003, and will reopen to authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 22 September 2003. All vehicles must be removed from the garage not later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, until the reopening of the garage on Monday. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

Photographic exhibit

The photographic exhibit entitled "What Meets the Eye: Images of Rural Poverty", organized by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), is on display in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until 29 September 2003.

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

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www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
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www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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CEDAW/C/2003/II/3/Add.4	Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Report provided by specialized agencies of the United Nations on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities — Note by the Secretary-General — International Labour Organization [A C E F R S]

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